

REMARKS

The Official Action dated 31 August 2004 has been carefully considered, along with cited references, applicable sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lin et al. (US Patent No. 6,412,710).

However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that claims 4-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 4 which is indicated to be allowable has been deleted, and has been included into claim 1. Claim 2 is dependent on claim 1. Claim 3 is dependent on claim 2.

Claim 5 which is indicated to be allowable has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6, 7 are dependent on the amended claim 5. Claims 8, 11 are dependent on claim 7. Claim 9 is dependent on claim 8. Claim 10 is dependent on claim 9.

Accordingly, claims 1-3 and 5-11 would appear to be allowable, and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is accordingly most respectfully solicited.

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner BUI are appreciated.
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